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## CLUB CALENDAR

- April 14 Human Race. Volunteers Bureau  
 C.C.Co. Lafayette Reservoir  
 April 20 General Meeting 8 P.M.  
 April 21 Emergency Services Seminar  
 (more information inside)  
 April 21 Mt. Diablo Trail Ride  
 Horsemen's Assoc. Clayton  
 April 22 EASTER SUNDAY  
 April 23 MDARC Board Meeting 8 P.M.  
 April 29 Walk America (March of Dimes)  
 May 6 Mt. Diablo Heritage Endurance  
 Trail Ride Walnut Creek  
 May 6 Devil Mountain Run (Hospitals)

## Meeting Notice

This month's meeting will be held at  
 the Grace Presbyterian Church  
 2100 Tice Valley Blvd.,  
 Walnut Creek

The April 20 meeting of the MDARC will  
 be held at the usual place at 8 P.M.

Professor Charles Susskind, Depart-  
 ment of Electrical Engineering and Com-  
 puter Science, University of California,  
 Berkeley, will speak on:

"WHO DISCOVERED RADAR?"  
 Come and find out!!!

## Nets

"Ya all check in now ya hear!"  
 Tech Forum/Swap NET  
 Thursdays 7:30 P.M. 147.66/06  
 Emergency NET is 146.43 Simplex 7:P.M.  
 then QSY to 7.735 after roll call Thurs.  
 Parky NET  
 Every Night 3895 +/- QRM 10 P.M.  
 NTS/NCN 3630 KHZ 7 PM daily  
 slow speed session 8:30 P.M.  
 NCN/VHF 145.41 MHZ, WA6EUZ/R  
 CCRA NET Mon. 7:35 P.M. 147.735

## MDARC AUCTION

May 18, at Grace Presbyterian Church

THINK QUALITY - BRING QUALITY

More details next month

John WA6SWO

More details inside.

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE: Articles, Classified Ads, etc. by April 26, 1984

Next Board Meeting at: 3700 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Laf. Suite 200 April 23, 1984

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## MDARC General Meeting

March 16, 1984

Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM by Vice President WA6DQN. Treasurer Larry Kaye took notes in absence of a Secretary.

Visitors Introduced: Dick "Smokey" - study-for license and Jim WA6FET (contester and antenna expert.)

It was announced that Doug Lortsher, W6KLM had become a Silent Key.

Treasurer's report. Larry W6CPO reported \$477.61 in checking and \$1372.74 in savings.

About 10 members paid dues during evening.

Current membership is approximately 140.

Emergency Coordinator: Hank W6ZHY announced change in date for emergency training seminar to April 21. New message forms will be introduced at that time. He also reported that a new Federal agency to coordinate communication with RACES is being established and will have its initial operation in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Repeater Group: Jay KT6Y announced meeting on last Wednesday of March (March 28).

Membership: Ryan KA6IVG reported that reminder letters had been sent to all 1983 members who had not paid 1984 dues.

Public Service: Betty Lou KB6UX announced schedule of events for April and circulated sign up sheet for run on April 8.

Education: Jay KT6Y reported that many of the radio class had passed the code test already and were waiting for the theory exam. Guy KE6BS commented on appointment of volunteer examiners.

Auction: John W6SWO reminded the club that the date for the Auction had been changed to May 18.

CARRIER: Dee reported that Douglas V. Lortsher KA6DPW and the family had agreed to continue printing the CARRIER for the club.

Old Business: Continued vacancies in offices of secretary, door prize committee, and coffee committee.

Directory: Bill Morisey and Peter Strauss reported that a list by call signs had been prepared, and that they were waiting for information on Club calendar, by-laws, and names of members' spouses and work telephone numbers if these were to be included. George Roush said he would set up camera to take photographs of members who had not yet had pictures made for directory at the April meeting if approved by the Board and a notice was placed in the next CARRIER. This would be a one time only photo session.

New Business: Guy KE6BS reported that he is working with a group setting up emergency communications in the San Ramon-Pleasanton area. There will be good liaison with the

central Contra Costa County organization. Roy WA6FHF circulated a petition (Art Mayhoff) against restrictions on amateur radio antennas. The antenna problem in Clayton was discussed by KD6DY, KE6BS, WA6CIE, KA6IVF, K6IMV and others. Joe Campbell KD6DY opposed the petition because its wording would antagonize political bodies; he favored working with civic agencies to develop acceptable ordinances. Amateurs should not propose regulation, but help draft reasonable ordinances when others do so.

Rick WB6EZI and Dee N6EJU proposed that the call of the club 2 meter repeater be changed from W6CX to W6KLM, W6CX being retained for the 220 MHz repeater. This change would perpetuate the memory of Doug Lortsher's long service to the Club and its members.

They moved that the proposal be published in the April CARRIER and considered at the next meeting. Motion seconded by KD6DY. During discussion questions were raised about who would be Trustee for the call, whether the Lortsher family agreed, and whether the FCC would allow the Club to have three calls. It was pointed out that W6CX was the call of the founder of the the Club. Following discussion it was moved that the motion be tabled until the April meeting. This motion passed without dissenting vote.

The chair asked N6EJU and WB6EZI to serve as a committee to clear up the various questions and prepare a statement in time for inclusion in the April CARRIER.

After a break the meeting reconvened and Guy Corynen KE6BS discussed plans for Field Day. His band captains KE6RV, WA3FET, WB6EZI also discussed details of the operation. Lauren, WB6CIE is to check with the new Ranger for the State Park on conditions for Field Day operation. During discussion it was pointed out that Hang Gliders have priority on use of the mountain top parking area and will require a clear area at the end of the lot for take-off runs. There was also considerable discussion of means for liaison between MDARC members who do not have VHF gear and the spotter station with the Field Day group.

Meeting adjourned about 2130 PST. About 40 members present.

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## AUCTION RULES

### -AUCTION -

May 18

- Doors open at 6 PM. Bring your items to get them marked at that time.
- Auction starts promptly at 7 PM.
- "Prime time," 8-9 PM. Doors close at 10 PM.

### RULES:

- 1) MDARC Commission: 10% of purchase price, up to \$10 max.
- 2) "Buy backs" (where bid does not reach seller's value; seller buys back): 10% Club commission applies but with \$1 max.
- 3) The Club gets a straight 10% of a deceased person's equipment.
- 4) Donations accepted. If you want the Club to get a full 100%, please say so on item's tag.
- 5) Everyone, seller and buyer, gets a numbered card. Hold up when you bid.
- 6) All sellers may have no more than three items sold during "prime time."
- 7) Sellers' tags (attached to each item) will have spaces for silent bids prior to auction time. A "minimum bid" written on the tag by the seller will be regarded as the opening bid and subject to "buy back" rules.
- 8) Bids will be no less than in 50¢ increments.
- 9) Pay the Club, not the seller. He gets his later - minus the Club's commission.
- 10) All sold and unsold items must be removed at the end of the auction (10 PM).

## The Editor's Space



Write for the CARRIER! PLEASE! Members made the CARRIER what it has been, what it is, and what it will be.

One of the easiest ways to get involved in the Club is to jot down a few thoughts, sharing them with the rest of us in the CARRIER. It's a way to break the ice and get involved.

Pleas like this one usually occur when member article contributions are at an all time low - and the Editor is up to his neck in other activities. That's just what's happening.

So please - send in an article, letter or idea. Send a photo of your shack. The sky's the limit. I practically print anything! Keep it in good taste (in other words recipes work too!) and preferably not a previously copyrighted item.

Remember the only alternative is to not send in a thing and hire an Editor who can write 20-30 hours a month in addition to everything else an Editor does.

Don't get me wrong - I'm not complaining I'm just up to my ears in work, a police related course at Napa Valley College twice a week and trying to squeeze in time patrolling the streets of Concord as a Police Reserve.

You may send items to the Club P.O. Box or my callbook address. Please try to be close to the article deadline printed on the bottom of page one. THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT See YOU in the CARRIER next month.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITY

### CALL FOR CAMPERS

The trip is about to begin! Saturday and Sunday April 28-29 N6EEQ will be camping in Louiston just 25 miles West of Redding. YOU are invited to join him and other outdoorsy members of MDARC. Call Don at 685-3551 if you'd like to share the fun.

The trip to Louiston takes about 4 hours. Take Interstate 5 to Redding then Hwy 299 West through Whiskeytown to the Louiston turnoff. Follow the signs to the Louiston Campground. Drive into the campsite - bare left and stop at the third campsite.

Look forward to fun, fishing, and frolicking! See you there!

Don N6EEQ

## RACES/ARES

Our big day is nearly here! Of course I am referring to the Emergency Services Seminar on Saturday, April 21 (the day after our regular MDARC meeting). We have a great schedule of events and an excellent location, the Concord Police Academy, which provides both classrooms and an outdoor setting for our test exercises and luncheon area.

The Academy is located in Concord, CA at the end of Academy Road, just off Alberta way. There will, undoubtedly, be a 2 meter talk-in. Try 146.43 simplex. Keep in mind that this session is not just for VHFers. There will be HF interest as well. Even a mobile computer display! Coffee and doughnuts will be available (feed the kitty) but bring your own lunch.

HERE IS THE SKED.....

- 0930 Registration
- 1000 Introduction - Dwayne Eskridge, ARRL SEC, W6LKE
- 1015 Calif. Div. Forestry - Guest Speaker
- 1045 Question and Answer break
- 1100 Traffic handling practice (live)
- 1145 Discussion period
- 1200 LUNCH (pls brg ur own brn bag)
- 1230 The New Message Form - Bill Van Voorhis WA6ZFZ
- 1300 Office of Emergency Services Plans - by Dave Tyler, N6DRT, OES Planning Coord.
- 1400 RACES Frequencies and Nets Plan - by Jim House, KA6IVF & Larry Kaye, W6CPO
- 1430 Traffic handling practice (2nd session)
- 1515 Evaluation and discussion
- 1530 The seminar ends.....

Important....everyone is welcome, we have lots of room, HF, VHF, UHF. I know you will enjoy this. Bring your hand-held, mobile rig or just come. C U there.

73 HANK W6ZHY

## Public Service

It was cloudy and cold, but MDARC operators KD6DY, Joe on his motorcycle mobile, Joe, WA6DQN, Jim, KA6IVF, N6GQ, Frank, Ryan, KA6EVG, Betty Lou, KB6UX, helped approximately 1000 runners around a somewhat hilly course, 6km.

It was a good day for the runners, and there were no problems.

Coming events---The March of Dimes Walk America on April 29, May 6 is the Devil Mountain run with Dick KT6X in charge, May 12 is the Human Race around the Lafayette Reservoir. April 21 is set aside for the Mt. Diablo Trail Ride. Bob Cook, W6UAW is handling.

Betty Lou KB6UX

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE MDARC

The family wishes to express our thanks to Doug Smith WA6GON for his beautiful thoughts at Doug's W6KLM's memorial service, and to all of you who called, came, sent cards and gave their support over Doug's long battle with cancer. A silent battle to a lot of you I know I would hear Doug say to you "Oh just a little under the weather or I'm fine" he just didn't want anyone to worry about him.

This past year he missed very much your company and your comradeship at the Civic functions, the parades, walk-a-thons and Field Day, etc. that he felt were so important to the Club.

I want to thank you now for honoring with the plaques he received. He was most grateful but not much on words. He showed his appreciation by doing the printing, helping on antennas and other things.

The family would be honored if you would allow us to continue in Doug's name the CARRIER. With me doing the typing, Doug Smith your Priceless Editor (who really needs your help) and whomever doing the paste up and David Lortsher our youngest son doing the printing.

Our house is very empty with Doug gone and his radios are quiet for awhile but our hearts are filled with love for you all.

Thanks again  
Florence and Family



## Public Service

MOUNT DIABLO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
TENTATIVE PUBLIC SERVICE CALENDAR 1984

SATURDAY APRIL 21  
Mt. Diablo Trail Ride.  
Horsemen's Assoc. Clayton

SUNDAY APRIL 29  
Walk America. March of Dimes  
Pleasant Hill - Concord

SUNDAY MAY 6  
Mt. Diablo Heritage Endurance Trail  
Ride. Walnut Creek

SUNDAY MAY 6  
Devil Mountain Run.(Hospitals)  
Danville

SATURDAY MAY 12  
Human Race. Volunteers Bureau  
C.C.Co. Lafayette Reservoir

SATURDAY late MAY  
BART - TO - BART run, Concord  
Rotary Club. Concord Bart

SATURDAY JUNE 2  
Ride for Research. Danville Jr.  
Horsemen Alamo - Mt. Diablo

SATURDAY-SUNDAY JUNE 2-3  
Safe Boating Display. Diablo Power  
Squadron Concord (portable station)

SUNDAY JUNE 3  
We Care Day Center Benefit Run.  
Countrywood Center, Walnut Creek

SATURDAY-SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1-2  
Labor Day Trail Ride, Mt. Diablo

THURSDAY-SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13-16  
Walnut Festival MDARC booth and  
station many operators needed

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16  
Walnut Festival 10 km footrace,  
Heather Farms Park

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16  
Walnut Festival Parade, Walnut Creek

LATE SEPTEMBER  
Devil Mt. Cyclists Bike Rides. County

SATURDAY OCTOBER 6?  
Concord-Pleasant Hill Band Review  
Concord

LATE OCTOBER  
John Muir Run. Walnut Creek Lions Club

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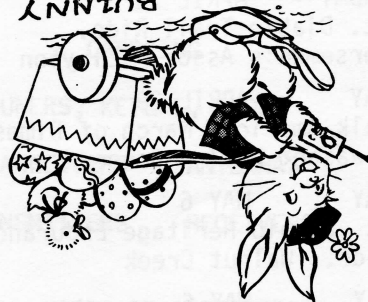
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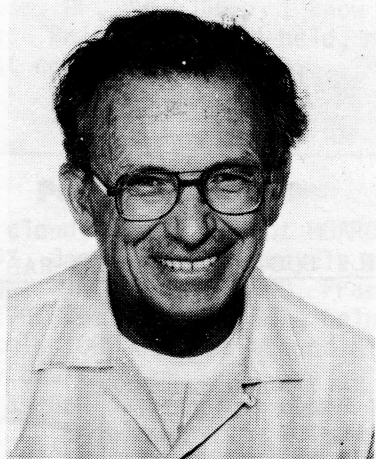
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July 4, 1923 - March 9, 1984



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